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## **Maricopa County Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest Winners**

Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Stormwater Quality Program is proud to announce the results of the 2012 Stormwater Pollution Awareness Poster Contest.

Stormwater runoff is one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States, in an effort to bring awareness to this problem, elementary students in Maricopa County were encouraged to submit posters supporting the message "Stormwater Pollution Prevention Begins at Home". A total of 165 entries from five schools were received and judged based on artwork, originality, and message delivery. With the support of REI, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department and Maricopa County Library District, prizes were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in two categories: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup>/5th grade.

"We had a great number of entries in this year's program from students all over Maricopa County and the competition was fierce," said Maricopa County Supervisors' Chairman Max Wilson. "This is an excellent program that teaches young students to be more environmentally conscious."

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Yesenia Arellano Ramirez	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Peoria Elementary	Ms. Bien
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ashley Marcum	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Lone Mountain Elementary	Mrs. Parsons
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Kymani Bledsoe	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Peoria Elementary	Ms. Bien

### 4<sup>th</sup>/5th Grade winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Brianna Gardea	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Emerson Elementary	Mrs. Villa
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Yanesi Sanchez	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Emerson Elementary	Ms. Calderon
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Gladys Vargas	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Emerson Elementary	Mrs. Villa

"It's been a thrill to see participation in our Stormwater Poster contest increase each year", said John Kolman, director with Maricopa County Environmental Services department. "More schools involved mean more students are able to creatively express themselves while learning about ways to prevent Stormwater pollution. This contest helps spread a very important message and it's also fun for the kids!"

The winners will receive a certificate at a Maricopa County Board of Supervisors formal meeting presented by Chairman Max Wilson and the board members.

Winning posters will be used as part of the Stormwater Quality outreach efforts.

Thank you to all of the contest entrants and congratulations to the winners.

To find out how you can help to keep our waters clean, please check out our website at [www.maricopa.gov/stormwater](http://www.maricopa.gov/stormwater).

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